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Pursuing Excellence

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Tournament of Minds

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child has been selected to be a team member for this year's Tournament of Minds (TOM) program. This extra-curricular program aims to enhance higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in students. The program is run in regions across New South Wales and is available to students K- 10.



Clemton Park Public School would like to subsidise this program so that **students only pay \$15 in total.**

This year at Clemton Park Public School, we will be having two teams competing in the tournament. Students will be solving a social science challenge. They have 6 weeks to formulate a solution to their challenge and 10 minutes to present their solution on Tournament Day. On Tournament Day, the team will also be required to solve a previously unseen Spontaneous Challenge.

Students who are part of a TOM team learn to work together with other team members, make decisions, solve problems and communicate effectively with one another. In order to work together as a team, students will be required to attend lunchtime sessions after eating time and some morning sessions (before school) closer to tournament day.

For this experience to be beneficial to students, TOM requires that challenge solutions and presentations be entirely the work of team members. Therefore, any ideas, suggestions or recommendations made by teachers, parents or friends not only leave the team liable to severe penalties or disqualification, but also act as a disservice to the team members by demonstrating a lack of confidence in their abilities. Before commencing their presentation, team members and their facilitator are required to sign an Outside Assistance Form, to prove that the team has not had any additional assistance.

The Tournament Day is scheduled for Saturday 30th August (TBC) and the venue is Broughton Anglican College, Menangle Park (TBC). On this day, parents are required to transport their children to and from the venue. Parents and carers are encouraged to stay during the tournament and watch their child's team perform.

If the team progresses in the competition by winning, they will be required to attend further presentation days. Should this occur, you will be notified promptly.

Payment will be required by 11/04/2025. Please complete the permission and payment note below and return to the money box. If you have any questions please see Ms Le, Mrs McAleer or Mrs Cox.

Ms Le, Mrs McAleer and Mrs Cox
TOM facilitators


Paul Robinson
Principal



Tournament of Minds - Permission and Payment Slip

I give permission for my child _____ in class _____ to participate in Tournament of Minds 2025.

I support my child's selection in the Tournament of Minds 2025 Team, and in signing below, am fully aware that:

1. Tournament of Minds is a voluntary program;
2. My child will attend practice each week on Thursday lunch and may be required to attend practice during other lunch and recess breaks.
3. I am responsible for the transport arrangements of my child on Tournament Day.

I understand that the cost is **\$15**.

The last day of payment will be **Friday 11th April, 2025**.
(3pm CASH or 6pm Online Payment through Sentral parent portal).

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Cash/Cheque

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Online Payment

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____